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**BRITAIN'S JOCKEYS COMPETE FOR FREE FUEL IN
STOBART LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS**



PJA Joint President and 16 times Champion Jump Jockey AP McCoy is pictured with his Weighing Room colleagues at the launch of the Stobart Jump Championship at Haydock Park.

FLAT and Jump Jockeys are competing for more than £20,000 of free fuel in horse racing championships with a difference.

The prizes are being given by leading logistics company Stobart as part of its partnership with the Professional Jockeys Association which has led to the re-introduction of career-ending insurance for Jockeys.

But the championships won't be automatic shoo-ins for Tony McCoy and Paul Hanagan! The successful Jockeys will be those who have the highest percentage of winners against numbers of rides in a series of categories.

PJA Chief Executive Kevin Darley said: "Fuel costs are the largest expense that a Jockey incurs simply going about his or her job. The cost of petrol

or diesel has a major impact on the income of Jockeys. The average Jockey – with 230 rides a year - is now spending about £5,000 on fuel.

The Stobart League Championships were devised by Andrew Tinkler, Chief Executive of the Stobart group, as another incentive for Jockeys to wear the Stobart branding as only those Jockeys who wear the branding will qualify for the championships.

Flat Jockeys have until 1st June to join and Jump Jockeys until 1st July. All winners on British racecourses count towards the Stobart League Championships. The leading Jockeys in each of three categories on the Flat and over Jumps will be decided on the highest percentage of winners from total rides.

The Stobart Flat League Championship runs through the 2011 calendar year. Gold – 101 winners and more – fuel card worth £6,000; Silver – 51-100 winners - £3,000 card; Bronze – 1-50 winners - £2,000 card.

The Stobart Jump League Championship runs from 24 April 2011 to 31st March 2012. Gold – 51 winners and more – fuel card worth £6,000; Silver – 26-50 winners - £3,000 card; Bronze – 1-25 winners from a minimum of 75 rides - £2,000 card.

The winning Jockeys will be presented with their prizes at the Stobart Lesters in 2012.

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